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**INFORMATION LETTER**

DATE: Nov. 1, 2011

TO: California Boating Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Ken Newby, Training Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2012 Boating Law Enforcement Training Calendar

The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has released its 2012 boating law enforcement training calendar. The calendar along with course descriptions and registration forms are included in this memo. All department training courses are Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) certified according to POST Plan IV. Attendance is limited to California Boating Safety and Enforcement Officers.

Please note that information of the department's training program (including the training calendar) will no longer be mailed out in hard copies. Information may be viewed on [DBW's Web site](#).

Law enforcement agencies requesting enrollment are required to fill out the appropriate registration form and either mail or fax it to the training unit at DBW. **Registration forms are to be completed by training officers or supervisors.**

Please carefully review the course descriptions and prerequisites to ensure appropriate registration.

A \$50.00 late cancellation fee may be charged if received seven (7) calendar days or less before the first day of the class and a \$100.00 fee for no-shows will be charged for the following courses: *Boating Safety & Enforcement, Boating Intoxication Enforcement, Accident Investigation & Reconstruction, Advanced Accident Investigation, Piloting & Navigation for Law Enforcement & Personal Watercraft*. Agencies with students who fail to show may be unable to attend any department sponsored trainings for a period of three (3) years.

Reimbursable agencies requesting reimbursement through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Training Grant Programs will be required to submit a completed Training Expense Claim package. Per diem expenses are reimbursed according to POST Plan IV guidelines. Please refer to DBW's Web site at www.dbw.ca.gov for detailed information on this process.

Effective Jan. 1, 2010, DBW classes will no longer require tuition fees for American River College and as a result, students will not receive college credit for attending boating related training courses.

Effective Nov. 3, 2008, the Master Certificate Program has been changed to the *California Boating Safety Officer Core Training Certification Program*.

Officers who have successfully completed a series of training courses may apply for a *California Boating Safety Officer Core Training Certificate*. This certificate program consists of five (5) training modules designed to provide a consistent minimum standard of boating, water rescue and enforcement skills.

The required training courses are:

- Basic Boating Safety & Enforcement,
- Basic Boating Skills & Operations
- Rescue Boat Operations

The elective courses are:

- Accident Investigation
- Advanced Accident Investigation
- Boating Under the Influence
- Marine Fires
- Piloting & Navigation for Law Enforcement
- Personal Watercraft for Law Enforcement

Classes may no longer be challenged.

Boating Safety and Enforcement Personnel who meet the following requirements are eligible to apply for a *California Boating Safety Officer Core Training Certificate*:

- Successful completion of the *Basic Boating Safety & Enforcement*, *Basic Boating Skills & Operations* and *Rescue Boat Operations* training modules and two of the six (6) elective modules
- Currently employed by a public safety agency as a boating safety and enforcement officer with at least one year of field experience

For further information please contact [Ken Newby](#) at (916) 263-8185.

2012 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SCHEDULE



BASIC BOATING SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT

January 9 - 13	Sacramento
February 6 - 10	Castaic
April 9 - 13	Sacramento
June 4 - 8	Castaic

BOATING INTOXICATION ENFORCEMENT

January 17 - 18	Sacramento
February 13 - 14	Orange County

BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION / RECONSTRUCTION & ADVANCED CLASS**

March 5 - 9	Castaic
March 26 - 30	Castaic
May 1 - 3 **	Castaic

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

May 14 - 17	To Be Determined
October 15 - 18	To Be Determined

BASIC BOATING SKILLS & OPERATIONS

January 23 - 27	Redondo Beach
February 13 - 17	San Bernardino
September 17 - 21	San Bernardino

RESCUE BOAT OPERATIONS

March 19 - 23	Los Angeles
October 1 - 5	Los Angeles

BOATING MARINE FIRES

Jan. 30 - Feb. 3	Orange County
April 9 - 13	Orange County
December 3 - 7	Los Angeles

PILOTING & NAVIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

May 7 - 11	San Diego
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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Basic Boating Safety & Enforcement

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and proof of successful completion of a DBW approved online boating safety course (<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/> or <http://www.boatus.com/>) within the past year.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for newly assigned marine patrol officers having designated authority under Chapter 4.5 of the California Penal Code who are [or will be] actively enforcing California boating laws. This course is designed to familiarize officers with the law and its interpretation, rules of the road, carriage requirements, safety inspections, towing, theories and practices of risk management, marlinspike and seamanship, etc.

Basic Boating Skills & Operations

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and the successful completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course within the past five (5) years.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified introductory course for boating enforcement officers. This course is a hands-on course with a focus on boating skills in addition to the basic fundamentals of boat handling theory and characteristics, operational techniques, marlinspike, towing, etc.

Rescue Boat Operations

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to marine patrol unit and the successful completion of the Boating Skills & Operations Course within the past five (5) years.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for marine patrol officers who handle emergency rescue boats under varying conditions. These conditions include emergency response operations, towing, offshore operations, and search and recovery.

Boating Intoxication Enforcement

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Boating Safety and Enforcement Course, or a minimum of one year actively performing boating law enforcement duties.**

This 16-hour P.O.S.T. certified course is designed to update marine patrol officers on the current law regarding intoxicated vessel operation, with emphasis on current arrest procedures, chemical testing, report preparation, and courtroom preparation. The course also includes training in the use of Alcohol Gaze Nystagmus and introduces the use of Preliminary Alcohol Screening Devices with the intent of providing marine patrol officers additional enforcement techniques useful in detecting the high tolerance drinker. Marine patrol officers will acquire hands on experience during the wet lab section of the course.

Boating Accident Investigation & Accident Reconstruction

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course.**

This 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course teaches marine patrol officers technical accident reconstruction and accident scene management. Students will perform multiple investigations/reconstructions, become familiar with diagramming software and the navigation rules and operational laws as they apply to boating accidents. Students are required to complete an in-depth boating accident investigation report for the final exam.

Advanced Boating Accident Investigation & Reconstruction

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Accident Investigation and Reconstruction course, one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties including boat accident investigation, and writing vessel accident reports.**

This 24-hour P.O.S.T. certified course will teach the marine patrol officer the reconstructive principals involved in boat accident investigations, develop an understanding of boat dynamics during collision, understand the relationship of time, distance and reaction times and learn to use formulas to determine minimum speed.

Personal Watercraft for Law Enforcement

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit utilizing personal watercraft for enforcement duties.**

A 32-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for marine patrol officers who operate personal watercraft (PWC) as a means of patrol and/or search and rescue applications. At the completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the technical handling characteristics of a PWC including slow and at speed operations, docking, reverse functions, towing, and enforcement operations. This class is a physically demanding course and students must be in good physical condition to participate.

Piloting & Navigation for Law Enforcement

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boat Handling Course.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course designed to give the marine patrol officer the necessary background in the fundamentals of piloting and navigation. Areas of focus are: the general theory of charts, navigation instruments, aids to navigation, dead reckoning, radar and electronic navigation, culminating with classroom practical plotting problems and piloting exercises underway.

Boating - Marine Fires

***Prerequisite:* Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit.**

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified combination classroom and practical course designed to give marine patrol officers firsthand knowledge of the hazards of marine fire fighting. Marine patrol officers will receive the basic information from a lecture series and the experience of actual conditions from fighting live fires under controlled conditions.

BASIC BOATING SAFETY & ENFORCEMENT

Agency Name: _____

Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

I certify that I am the Boating Enforcement Training Officer and that the student(s) listed below have met the course prerequisite(s) and will provide verification on the first training day.

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Name of Student(s) : _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and proof of successful completion of a DBW approved online boating safety course within the past year. (<http://www.dbw.ca.gov> or <http://www.boatus.com>)

NOTE: Please review the prerequisite, cancellation and no-show fee policy stated on cover letter.

Email or fax this form to:

Law Enforcement Training Unit
Attn: Ken Newby
Department of Boating and Waterways
2000 Evergreen Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95815

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BOATING INTOXICATION ENFORCEMENT

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Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s) : _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course, or at least one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties.

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BASIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION & RECONSTRUCTION

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Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

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ADVANCED BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION/RECONSTRUCTION

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Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Accident Investigation and Reconstruction Course, one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties including boat accident investigation, and writing vessel accident reports.

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PERSONAL WATERCRAFT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit utilizing personal watercraft

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PILOTING AND NAVIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Agency Address: _____

Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Boating Skills & Operations Course.

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BASIC BOATING SKILLS & OPERATIONS

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Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course within the past five (5) years.

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RESCUE BOAT OPERATIONS

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s) : _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to marine patrol unit and completion of the Basic Boating Skills and Operations Course within the past five (5) years.

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BOATING MARINE FIRES

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Training Coordinator: _____

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E-Mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Student(s): _____

Location of Class: _____ Date: _____

Prerequisite: Must be assigned to marine patrol and one year of actively performing boating law enforcement duties.

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